

4. A socket according to claim 3, wherein an X shaped lever member is provided between said upper operating member and said two slid plates whereby urging motion on said operating member is transmitted to said two slide plates. --

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Ohshima, stating that Ohshima discloses a socket comprising a socket body 1, a plurality of contact pins 31 disposed on the socket body 1, a rest face, a pair of resilient pieces 31c, 31d having contact portions 31f, two slide plates 11, 12 and an upper operating member 3.

Still further, in the Examiner's Advisory Action, it is the Examiner's opinion that Ohshima does show two slide plates 11, 12 and the Examiner directs Applicant's attention to Figs. 1 and 7 and the language at col. 4, lines 21-53.

In reply thereto, Applicant has carefully reviewed Ohshima again and respectfully submits that slide plates 11, 12 merely form an X-shaped link mechanism as is described at col. 4, lines 14-20. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the language at lines 21-40 merely describes that one end of each of the links making up the X-shaped link mechanism is provided an elongated hole so that that end may slide a short distance. Applicant respectfully submits that such a construction does not fall within the description and contained in Applicant's application and the claims. In particular, Applicant would like to point out that in Applicant's invention the sliding elements are 15, 16 which clearly slide in horizontal direction when the urging member is urged up and down by the force applied thereto. Still further, Applicant respectfully submits that the upper operating member 18 is connected to the two sliding plates 15, 16 by cross or X-shaped lever members 22, 23 and it is these two lever member 22, 23 which most closely correspond to the X-shaped linkage made up of elements 11, 12 of Ohshima. Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that if elements 11, 12 are the slide plates in Ohshima, what part of Ohshima comprises the pressing members formed between the two slide plates and interposed between the pair of resilient pieces for applying resiliently deforming forces to the corresponding resilient pieces which is claimed in Applicant's claim 2?

claims 1-4 are not anticipated by Ohshima.